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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CATHY A. CATTERSON
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

JOSE ENRIQUE MELGAREJO SUAREZ,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 02-72582

Agency No. A75-304-670

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Argued and Submitted December 3, 2003
Seattle, Washington

Before: BRUNETTI, T.G. NELSON, and GRABER, Circuit Judges.

Jose Enrique Melgarejo Suarez petitions for review of the order of the Board of Immigration Appeals dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's ("IJ's") order denying his application for asylum and withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252 and deny the petition.

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The IJ's decision is supported by substantial evidence in the record.

The evidence does not compel a finding that Petitioner has an objectively reasonable fear of future persecution on account of a protected ground. Nor does the evidence compel a finding that a political opinion was imputed to him.

Petitioner has not pointed to evidence in the record which compelled the IJ to reach a contrary result.¹

PETITION DENIED.

¹ See *INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 483-84 (1992) (setting forth the standard for obtaining relief from an immigration decision).